GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Water Quality Testing Laboratories
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are inadequate number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to set up district level Water Quality Testing Laboratories by March, 2017 and if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the other steps being taken by the Union Government to set up adequate number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories across the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a)&(b): As reported by the State Governments into the online Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation as on 31st July,2017, a total of 2,260 Water Quality Testing Laboratories have been set up so far which include 27 State Level Laboratories, 737 District / Divisional Level Laboratories, 281 Block Level Laboratories, 1124 Sub-Divisional Level Laboratories and 91 Mobile Laboratories. The State-wise details are at Annexure.

(c): The Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation advised all the State Governments to set up District Level Water Quality Testing Laboratories if such a facility is not already available.

(d): In order to ensure proper water quality monitoring and surveillance in the country, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India has published and circulated The Uniform Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Protocol in February 2013 which inter-alia include suggestive infrastructure including manpower for setting up and functioning of water quality testing laboratories at various levels.